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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants' attorney wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following documents listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), the concise explanation of relevance was provided by Masafumi Takeda, Administration Manager of the Intellectual Property Department at IBM Japan who is most knowledgeable about the content. The IBM Corporation is the assignee of the above-identified patent application. A copy of each listed document was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 21, 2002.

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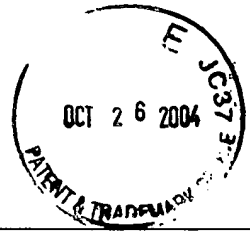
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